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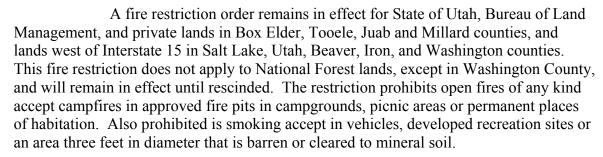




WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS ASK FOR HELP

With the exception of southwestern Utah, the state's 2005 wildland fire season has been relatively light. Utah's wildland firefighters are asking the public's help to keep it that way. As we approach the last major holiday of the summer, fire officials are asking people to be vigilant in their use of fire and while in the backcountry to act as additional eyes for lightning caused fires.

"Early indications are that the number of human caused fires are below average again this year," notes State Forester Joel Frandsen. "We congratulate everyone on their diligence and with a little extra caution we'll continue the trend through the Labor Day weekend"



"As usual, the major cause of wildland fire is lightning," said Sheldon Wimmer, fire management officer for the Bureau of Land Management. "The public can be of real service while in the backcountry and watch for lightning strikes and the possibility of fire, then report it as soon as possible."

Each year more than 500 wildland fires are the result of lightning strikes. For complete information on wildland fires, fire restrictions, and fire safety, go to www.utahfireinfo.gov.



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